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That the Northern Counties which abound in Antiquities and Ancient Gentry, may no longer be bury'd in Silence

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Information is desir'd concerning the following Queries as they lye in order, viz. either.

By { 1. Report and *Tradition*, 2. Evidence or *Record*, 3. *Experience* or Knowledge of the present Age. } noting them with { 1. T. 2. R. 3. E. } before the Answer.

AND it being design'd for the Honor of your Parish among others, your outmost Endeavours are desir'd in order to a true Information. Which may easily be procur'd by calling some of your Ancient men (who have gon Procession or know the Boundaries of your Parish,) And the Lord or Balive, with some of the Tenens (of good Repute, Knowledge and Honesty) in particular Lordships: from whose mouths you may please to write your Answer on a sheet of paper, folded (as this) with margins on both sides. And to give the more Authority to the work, the Names of those from whom you receiv'd your informations may be mention'd at the Conclusion of the Accounts of their Respective Parishes, Lordships, Villages &c. And it is to be wished that the Minister, and Church-wardens or some of the Parish would subscribe their names to the General Account of the Parish: And the Lord (or his Balive, Steward &c.) with some of the Tenents, the Accounts, concerning their Respective Lord-ships.

Chap. 1. Queries concerning the Parish in General.

1. The name of the Parish, & why so call'd? how written in ancient Records? In what Diocese, Rurdey, Hundred or Ward it is said to lye? How is it bounded & divided from other Parishes on the E. W. N. & South &c? by what Rivers, Hedges, Walls, Cause-ways, or common and well known Land-marker, Meers and Boundaries &c. or are they (or any of them) Litigious or Doubtfull?

2. What form and figure does it most resemble, as Square, Oblong, Oval, Triangular, &c. with the length and Breadth in the largest parts of it, naming the places where you begin and end your computation, as also where they lye; E. W. N. or South, and the circumference (by moderate Computation) if you can guess at it;

3. What the Quality of the *Soyl* in general; as clay, marle, sand, gravell and of what sort. Red, yellow, blew, black, white, &c. And if it be stony, of what kind, as Lime-stone, &c. Also whether is it for the most part Arable pasture, meadow or wood-land? is it very fertile, barren or indifferent? Also what sort of mines, quarries, fewll, &c. doth your parish afford? At what distance do you fetch your firing? what plenty of it? what general Customs, as Rush-bearing, Hollyes, Bonfires &c? what games, sports &c. and when celebrated?

4. The name of the Church. Why so call'd, to what Saint dedicated? near what Saints day do you keep your Feast or Wake? what manner of building is it, great or small, Elegant or mean? how many Rows of Pillars? hath it a *Spire*, Square-steeple, or neither? how many Bells? when and by whom founded, endowed, rebuilt, or extraordinarily repair'd? what Chanteries or Oratories in it, with their Foundation, Dedication, Endowment and Dissolution? Item, what monuments & monumental Inscriptions with coats of Arms &c. of Nobility and Gentry? what witty strange and uncouth Epitaphs either in the Church (1. Body. 2. Chancell) or without it, whether on the walls, or in the Church-yard? *Be pleas'd to draw them out or describe them according to their Figure & Colour, as well as you can.* What number and names of Chappels belonging to the Church or Parish?

5. Whether your Parish be a Vicaridge, Parsonage, or both? An Impropriation, or not? if it be, who is Impropriator? and what Allowance to the Vicar or Curate? whether hath it Tythes in kind or not? what value is it of by common Estimation? what succession of Patronage? and how transferr'd from one family to another? with the name and Habitation of the present Patron.

6. The Parsonage, or Vicaridge-house in or near to what Town or Village? at what end or side of the same E. W. N. or South? or how far distant otherwise from it? by what name & whence so call'd? how writ in ancient Records? of what sort the building, fair, mean or indifferent; wood, clay, brick or stone? slated or not? and in what repair? how situated? High or Low? on the top, side, or at the bottom of an hill? By what Springs, or Ponds, Rivers, (Navigable, or otherwise) with what Commodities as mills, fish, fowl, and the sorts they afford? also near or upon what great Road? & how far distant from any of them, E. W. N or South? how far from the nearest Chappel, Church, Parish-church, Market? what Gardens, Orchards, Dove-coats, Warrens, Parks, Forests, Woods, (Standing or lately cut down) with other Perquisits belonging unto it: or are there any such near at hand (tho belonging unto others)

others) which render the place more Commodious or pleasant? what kind, and plenty of fuel? and from whence brought? Item when and by whom was it built, mended, rebuilt, or extraordinarily repair'd and upon what occasions? (And if it be a Mannor House? what Court doth it vse) and what Courts are there kept?)

Wat Remarkable about it either within or without?

* *Within*, as Churches, Chapells, Vaults of Marble, Glass, Wood or Stone.

* *Without*, as Fortifications, Bulwarks and Trenches round or square; places where battles have been fought, or, other Accidents have happen'd, Heaps of Stone or Earth trench'd about in manner of a Ring or otherwise; Mounts of War; ancient Ruines; Beacons; Coyns digg'd up; with other Rarities of what kind soever; as springs cold, hot, Medicinal, Bituminous, Petrifying &c.

7. How much Glebe belonging unto it; with the Quantity of an Acre by the account of your Parish? the Quality of the Soyl; viz. of what sort for the most part, Arable, &c. asking and answering the same Questions as in Query the 3d. What Woods, Forrests &c? asking and answering the same Questions as in Qu: 4th of the 3d. Chapt.

And what Priviledge extraordinary your Ministers hath? What notable Remarque of Antiquity upon the Glebe, as Fortifications, &c. see above in Query 6th at the word *without*, and be pleased to answer those Questions, &c.

8. Hovv many Lordships or Mannors in the Parish which you are *desir'd onely to enumerate and write down their Names; always observing to put the first where the Parish-Church stands, if it happen to be so.*

9. Informers Names; and their Information confirm'd by the *Subscription of the Minister and Church-Wardens, if to any be had.*

Chap. 2. *Concerning every particular Lordship enquired of the Lords Stewards, Bailive, or experienced Tenants.*

1. The name of the Mannor or Lordship, hovv written in ancient Records? hovv at present and vvhence deriv'd? In vvhat Barony, Ward, or Hundred? How bounded vvith other Lordships?

2. What Fields and Figure &c. asking and answering the same Questions as above Query 2d.

3. What the Quality of the Soyl &c. asking and answering as above in Queries 3d. to vvhich adde the rate of an Acre, vvith the yearly value of the best, vvorst, and middle sort of { Arable, Pasture, Meadovv. } excluding the Commons, Moors and Fells.

4. What general and Remarkable Customes of the Lordship? and how many sive-hold?

5. Hovv, and of vvhom doth the Lord hold the Mannor? and by vvhat service of the King in Capite, or some Castle or Barony? Add if he be of vvhat Castle or Barony? by Escuage, Knights Service, or Comage? and vvhat Rents he hath? Knovvledgements doth he pay? vvhen, and to vvhom?

6. What Tythes, Indages, Inclosures, Sweets, boons, &c. and vvhat sort of Finable Rents, fines certain or uncertaine? Green-hevv, &c (or are they bought off or belonging to others) vvhat Courts do they may be keeps, as Baron, Leet, &c. and vvhen?

Concerning the Lords priviledges vvhen you have got his Information, be pleas'd to enquire also of some of the Tenents for Confirmation, lest he pretend to more than is his right.

6. The mannor house, vvhat Rent pays it, and vvhat Court may be holden at it? In or near to vvhat Town or Village is it, and so proceeding the same Questions vvhich occur in *Qu. 6th.* Concerning *Parsonage or Vicaridge-houses* in cap. 1. side.

7. Hovv many Demaines belong to it vvith the Quality of the Land &c. Answering the Questions in Query the 3d of cap. 1. Its peculiar priviledges; and vvhat is remarkable therein; as Fortifications &c. *answering the same Questions as in Query 6th Chapter, in the word* without.

8. Who the ancient, modern, and present Proprietors, and vvhen and hovv they came unto it? And for the present Proprietors especially; What coats of Arms do they bear? What number of Evidences have they belonging to the family? vvith the date of the ancientest. What Quality are they of, as Earls, Lords, Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen? And vvhen the first of any of Those were known in their Family? What matches out of it (either by sons or daughters) into other families, vvith the time vvhen, and place vvhere they liv'd? *Item*, vvhat Pedigree do they shew, vvith a Copy of it; at least an account of the first and last Generation in it, according the Date, or vvhere it may be seen? and if they have none, an account may suffice for three or fower Generations (dovvn to themselves, their Wives and Children;) of their Marthes and Issue, vvith the Age, birth and burial of every one of them, as neer as may be. N. *but if they have enter'd their Pedigrees in Mr. Dugdale's Visitation 1664. (which Book I can have the use of at any time) they need not give any further account concerning their families than what hath been since.*

9. Hovv many Tovvns, Villages, Constable-vvicks, Hamlets, &c. are contain'd in the Lordship? (*vvhich only enumerate, putting that first where the Mannor house stands. And then in particular*

Chap. 3. *Concerning Every City, Town, Village, Hamlet, &c.*

1. The name of the Place, modern, and ancient out of Records; also vvhence deriv'd? the distance from the neerest

neateſt Chappell, Church, Pariſh-Church, Market? how ſituate for traffique? how for pleaſure? &c. high? lovv, &c. *anſwering the ſame Queſtions, as in Query 6th. of Chap. 1.*

2. When and by vvhom built; and repaired? vvith the notable accidents and Calamities vvhich have happen'd thereto by fire, vvater, ſvvord, famine, Peſtilence? & When? And if *it be a City or Market Town*; vvhat ſtreets have been formerly, or are novv in it? vvith their names and Etymologies, as much as may be. Whether a Borough, Corporation, or neither? When the firſt Charter granted? vvith an Extract of vvhat great Priviledges it formerly hath, or at preſent does enjoy; as vvaifes, Strayes, felons goods, Markets, Faires? Hovv many Burgeſſes they ſend to Parliament? their names in ſucceſſion if it may be had; or at leaſt the Names of the preſent Burgeſſes) hovv is it govern'd, as by Mayor, Bailives, &c. and vvhat other officers and Attendants, vvith the Enſign of Magiſtracie carry'd before Him? What is the Tovvn-Seal, and Arms? vvith the ſucceſſion of your Mayors and Bailives, as far as Record and Knovvledge can ſupply.

But whether ſoever it be, viz. *Market-Town or Village &c. you are deſir'd further to enquire as followeth*; &c.

2. What places remarkable in or about it, as Churches, Chappels, Monaſteries, Hoſpitals, Colledges, Scholes, Mount-hals, Correction-Houſes, Priſons, Croſſes, Bridges, (vvhether ſtanding or demoliſh'd) vvith the places or ſtreets vvhere? of Every of vvhich in particular and according to order, *Foundation, Dedication, Endowment, Diſſolution*; vvith Armes &c. *asking and anſwering the ſame Queſtions, as Concerning Churches Ch. 1. Qu: 4.* Of every particular Church, Chappel &c. And remember to annex the ſtipend or Allovvance to Chaplains or Readers from the Pariſh &c. as alſo the names and ſucceſſion of ſuch (ſo far as it poſſible) as have bin Maſters and Governors of any of the other places vvhich are of Note, and require Government —— Item vvhat Caſtles, Tovvres, Halls, and other houſes of Gentlemen of Quality? Whether ſtanding or Ruinous? of vvhich in particular *asking &c. The ſame Queſtions, as in Query 6th of Ch. 1. concerning the Parſonage-houſe ſcil.* What its name &c. *But if the Manor or Parſonage-houſe chance to be one of thoſe houſes of Note, it may ſuffice only to Name it, as having ſpoken of it more at large in its proper place.* It. vvhat men of great Eminence for Arts, Arms, or blood? as Doctors, Biſhops, Authors of Books, famous Lawyers, Judges, Serjeants at Lavv, Noble Warriors, Generals; &c. Kings, Earles, Princes, Lords, &c. Have any ſuch bin born, bred or Buried in your Tovvn? vvith the place vvhere It. What famous Acts done by Archers? vvhat by vvitches, Spirits and Conjurers, vvhich are ovvn'd to be true, and are very remarkable? othervviſe none of them. —— It. vvhat Fortifications, &c. *Anſwering the ſame Queſtions, as in Qu: 6. Ch: 1. of the word* Without, *or as in the next following Query at the place marked Thus* *

4. What Fells, Moors, and Commons (vvith ſtint, or vvithout) belonging to the Village or Tovvn &c, and hovv far diſtant? What profits and Commodities (beſide paſture) do they afford? as Fern or Brackens, heath or Ling, furrs or whins, turf or Peat? *What Woods, Foreſts, Chaces, Parkes, Warrens, Groves, novv in being or lately deſtroy'd? But if any be ſpoken of within the manner houſe, only mention them here.* —— It. vvhat Springs Cold, or hott, Medicinal, Petrifying, or Bituminous? What Pooles, Tarns, Lakes, Rivers? vvith the ſorts of Fiſh and Fovvl they afford. And vvho reaps the benefit? —— It. What Quarries, Mines, Pitts, &c. of Marble, Black, vvhite, or Gray? Jeat, Precious Stones, Limeſtone, Hevving-ſtone; Milſtone; ſlate, (vvhite red, or blevv;) Coal Gravel; Lead; Tin; Iron, Braſſe, Copper, Silver, Gold, &c. —— It. What Fair thereupon? vvhen kept? Who has the profits? —— It. What Horſe-Races? vvhere? for vvhat prize? by vvhom firſt appointed, and hovv long ago? It. What memorable places vvhere Battles have been fought? Round heaps of Stone, or Earth caſt up in Hills, trench'd round about, or otherviſe? What Fortifications, Camps? &c. Anſvvering the ſame Queſtions, as in Chap. 1 Qu: 6. at the vvord *Without* —— It. What accidents and ſtrange Occurrences have happen'd thereabout? With other Notable Remarks of vvhat kind ſoever. *And vvhat you can ſay of any of them by your own knowledge, Report, or otherviſe. Referring each thing to its proper head as near as you can.*

5. Hovv many Freeholders belonging to it, (*or if a Borough, how many Burgers, or what fee-farm Rent doth it pay, and to whom?*) What other ſorts of Tenants in it? at vvhoſe Courts do they ſuit and ſervice? By vvhat Tenure do they hold? as ſoccage, Border-ſervice, &c. or hovv? in vvhat manner are they admitted unto their Eſtates? and hovv do they paſſe or Convey them avvay? as by ſurrender and admittance in Court, Copy of Court-Roll, vvill, or Deed? What Rents do they pay to the Lord of the mannor, or unto others? And vvhat ſort of Fines (Certain or uncertain) vvith other ſort of Duties; as Oxgeld, green-hevv, Reliefs, Heriots, &c? What ſervices do they, not mention'd before *amongſt the Lordſhips Priviledges Chap. 2d. Qu: 5th.*

—— Do they pay any things to any other Lord than the Lord of the mannor? or have any of them purchas'd their Fines and Services? if ſo, vvhen, and of vvhom? and vvhat their tenure is novv call'd?

—— Have they any extraordinary Priviledge or Cuſtom in the place, (not mention'd before amongſt thoſe of the mannor in general) vvhereby any benefit doth accrue to themſelves, their Widdovvs or Children?

When You have got the Information of Tenants concerning Priviledges: be pleas'd to inquire of the Lord, or his Steward for Confirmation, leſt they pretend to what is not their right.

6. Informers Names. 7th. Confirmation of Lord and Tenents by Subſcription. 8th. What Notable Proverbs, or peculiar expreſſions are uſ'd in the Pariſh, Lordſhip or Village? 9th. The Names and Courſe of Every *River* or *Beck* in the Pariſh, vvith all its heads vvhence it ſprings? What vvay it runns E. W. North or South? and the Pariſhes or Lordſhips it runns by or through? alſo the Tovvns, Halls, or Gentlemens Houſes it viſits by the Way, and hovv far it leaves them (or any of them) on the E. W. N. or South? The number of Mills and Bridges upon it? The ſorts of Fiſh in it? Laſtly vvhere it takes the Sea, or loſes it ſelf in ſome other River

[illegible] 7. The high or great-Roads which go through your Parish; Whence they come? To what place they go, and where they end? With the Parishes, Lordships &c. they passe by or through? Also Gentlemens houses of Notable Antiquities which occurre [illegible], or most come there. Of all these (or as many as you can) Information is desired. And you may please to return your Answer, together with the Paper of Queries, as soon as possibly you can to

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